

67th LEGISLATURE—REGULAR SESSION

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS—WATER DISTRICTS AND CONSERVATION AND RECLAMATION DISTRICTS—GOVERNING BOARDS—TERMS

H. J. R. No. 77

Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide terms not to exceed four years for members of governing boards of certain water districts and conservation and reclamation districts.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Article XVI, Section 30, of the Texas Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 30. (a) The duration of all offices not fixed by this Constitution shall never exceed two years.

(b) When a Railroad Commission is created by law it shall be composed of three Commissioners who shall be elected by the people at a general election for State officers, and their terms of office shall be six years. Railroad Commissioners first elected after this amendment goes into effect shall hold office as follows: One shall serve two years, and one four years, and one six years; their terms to be decided by lot immediately after they shall have qualified. And one Railroad Commissioner shall be elected every two years thereafter. In case of vacancy in said office the Governor of the State shall fill said vacancy by appointment until the next general election:

(c) The Legislature may provide that members of the governing board of a district or authority created by authority of Article III, Section 52(b) (1) or (2), or Article XVI, Section 59, of this Constitution serve terms not to exceed four years.

Sec. 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held on November 2, 1982. The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide terms not to exceed four years for members of governing boards of certain water districts and conservation and reclamation districts."

Passed by the House on May 19, 1981: Yeas 135, Nays 2, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 30, 1981: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

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PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS—TAXATION—POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS—HOMESTEADS—RELIEF

H. J. R. No. 81

Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize certain property tax relief for owners of residence homesteads and to change certain property tax administrative procedures.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Article VIII, Section 1-b, of the Texas Constitution be amended by adding Subsections (e) and (e-1) to read as follows: